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NATIONAL PROJECT ON ORGANIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch a National Project on Organic Farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to formulate national standards to boost organic farm production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Government has envisaged to implement a `National Project on OrganicFarming` during Tenth Plan, which includes setting up of a National Institute of OrganicFarming, to promote and facilitate various aspects of organic farming in the country. The components include the following:

? Putting in place a system of certification of organic produce including prescribing National Standards of organic farming.
? Capacity building for organic farming.
? Support to commercial production units of organic inputs like Fruits and vegetables waste compost units, Bio-fertilizer production units and hatcheries for vermiculture etc. and
? Promotion and extension of organic farming.

(c): In order to promote organic farming for export market, the Ministry of Commerce &industry has formulated a National Programme for Organic Production, which includes National Standards of organic products, Accreditation and Certification programme etc.